### RANDOLPH-MAGON WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Dr. Nathaniei Vutler, of Chicago University, Makes the Closing Address.

#### ALUMNAE BANQUET CARROLL

Degrees Conferred on the Largest Graduating Class in History of School.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNGHBURG, VA., June. 5.—The thirteenth commencement of the Randolphimacon Woman's College came to an end to-day, the feature of the closing being an address by Dr. Nathaniel Vutler, of the University of Chicingo, and the conferring of the degrees by President W. W. Smith and the alumpae banquet at the Hotel Carroll.
The graduates were Misses Bonnie Presiding Arkansas, Edith Burton, Virgent Carroll of the Carroll of the

at the Hotel Carroll.

The graduates were Misses Bonnie Prestill, Arkansas; Edith Burton, Virginia; Dasie Butt, Virginia; Winnie Estolle Butt, Kentucky; Ethel Bradshaw, Tennessee; Gladys Dearing Fauntleroy, Virginia; Caroline Sample Fleet, Virginia; Gwendolin, Howe, Virginia; Katrina Kern, Tennessee; Louise Emily Lanham, South Carolina; William Emma Lear, Virginia; Sallie Carring Mayes, Alabama; Margaret Mathews McGayock, Virginia; Eva Lee Moore, Virginia; Robel Claud Stewart, Georgia; Agnles Stokes, Virginia; Annie Henrietta Stoneham, Virginia; Rachel Wescott, Virginia, and Letita Witherspoon, Mississippl.

The attendance during the past session was the largest in the history of the college and enlargements are under

the college and enlargements are unde way, which will give facilities for sproliment next year of 450 students.

### SPLENDID RECORD OF FAMOUS GIRLS' SCHOOL

Over Three Hundred at Black stone Female Institute.

(Epecial to The Times-Dispatch.)
BLACKETONE, VA., June 5.—The commencement exercises of the twelfth annual session of the Blackstone Institute were the most successful in the history of the school. There has been a total enrollment for the session of 285, an increase of fifty-two. Of this number 393 were bearders, an increase of forty-six, Over 100 applications were rejected for lack of room. The graduating class numbered forty-five. The officers and honors of the class were as follows: President, Miss Lura Lee Cannon; vice-president, Miss Relizabeth Rogers Hunt; secretary, Miss Nelle Franklin Swetnam; treasurer, Miss Nelle Franklin Swetnam; treasurer, Miss Mary Louise Guy; salutatory, Miss Ina Morton Hall; history, Miss Nelle Franklin Swetnam; prophecy, Miss Anna Mabel Kennedy; recommendations, Miss Barah Spottswood Royall; testament, Miss Midred Hope Morse; valedictory, Miss Lura Lee Cannon, Largely over half of the class expect to tonch the coming year.

Dr. S. C. Mitchell delivered a very

ing year.
Dr. S. C. Mitchell delivered a very i Dr. S. C. Mitchell delivered a very practical and inspiring address on the subject of the "South and Education." Nearly \$5,000 was spent during the year for new building and equipment. The most important matter before the Board of Trusters for consideration was the proposal of Mr. Carnegie to-give \$12,500 to the school, if the friends of the school would raise \$32,500 additional. The principal reported that he had definite assurance of about \$10,000 of the required amount, and that he expected to prosecute a vigorous canvass this summer for the remaining \$22,500. No school in the Sitate is deing more for genuine educational advancement than the Blackstope Institute.

Institute.

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The following medals were given at the institute this year: English Bible, first class, Susie Grant, of Dinwiddie; English Bible, second class, Miss Jennie Hurt, of Nottowny; English Bible medal, Miss Ina, M. Hall, of Lamenster.

Music medals—Marked improvement instrumental music, Miss Angela Garrett, of Blackstone, and Miss Eva Printz, of Rappahannock county; best playing at commencement, Miss Mary Louise Guy, of Norfolk county; instrumental music medal for session's work, Miss Lillie M. Gaines, of Essex county, and Miss Anna Mabel Kennedy, of Blackstone.

Scholarship medals—Introductory scholarship, Miss Courtney Williams, of Nottowny; junior scholarship, Miss Susie Grant, of Dinwiddie; intermediate scholarship, Miss Cara Armistead, of Williamsburg, and Miss Louise Rhodes, of Louisa Courthouse.

General deportment medal, Miss Ina Hall, of Lamester.

No medals are given for scholarship in the senior class. The galutatory and valedictory are given on the basis of scholarship. This year the salutatorian Miss Ina Hall, made a scholarship average of 96%, and the valedictorian, Miss Lura Lee Cannon, made an average of

ENGLISH GRADUATES. Helen Wynema Ainsworth, of Roanoke

Annie Ethel Bishop, of Nottoway. Kate Drusilla Brown, of Lunenburg Nora Belle Brightwell, of Prince E Drusilla Brown, of Lunenburg. Belle Brightwell, of Prince Ed-

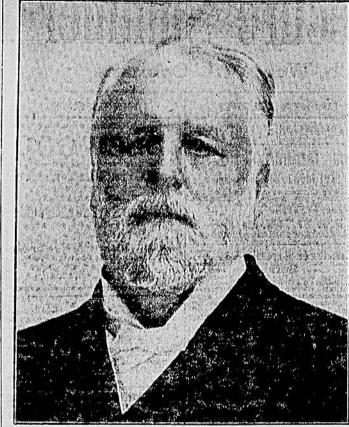
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Mary Elizabeth Edwards, of Baltimore, Md.
Nellie Gertrude Farley, of Nottoway.
Lillie Maxwell Gaines, of Essex.
Bessic Reed Hudspeth, of Martinsville,
Nellie Christian Jones, of Middlessex,
Mamie Peyton Luxford, of Richmond,
Mildred Hope Morse, of Nottoway.
Sudd Love Overby of Blackstons. Sudie Love Overby, of Blackstone, Lelia Keeling Row, of Orange, Maud Ernestine Row, of Orange, Sara Spottswood Royall, of Redford, Catherine Emory Roberts, of Northamp

ion.

Maria Anna Sawyer, of Accomac.
Ellen Sisson, of Orange.
Mary Melvina Williamson, of Nottoway.
Nottie Moore Williams, of West Point. FULL GRADUATES.

Beulah Barrow, of Brunswick, Mabel Bradley, of Radford, Mary Louise Guy, of Norfolk county. Bettle Sue Gregory, of Chase City, Va Elizabeth Hughes Garrett, of Cumber-



REV. JAMES NELSON, M. A., D. D. Who has just closed his fifteenth year at the head of the Woman's College.

# WOMAN'S COLLEGE

listory, and Dr. Young, the spucaker History, and Dr. Young, the spueaker of the occasion, the graduating class faced a house that was filled to its furthest limits with their friends, brothers and sisters and mothers and fathers. Dressed in their graduating caps and gewns, they formed a scene that was both imposing and beautiful.

#### Profusion of Flowers.

The commencement was remarkable for the quantity and profusion of figral trib-utes. It seemed as if Flora had been present with an overflowing cornucopia and had strewn flowers with recklers profusion and generosity on every hand. Fond hands had been diligent in the pre-paration of these flower offerings, and there was not a girl in the entire throng who did not receive a bouquet, and in



many instances they were overburdened. Fathers, brothers and friends were loaded down with them as the exercises ended, and they had their hands full intaking them home. Bosidos the flowers there were a number of congratulatory gifts, and it seemed as if the ushers would never have an end in passing them to the various graduates. It was when the sweet girl graduates had seated themselves with great gorgeous nosogays fittheir laps and in their arms, seemingly covered with them, that the scene attained its greatest brilliance. Moss prodominated, and the red against the black, with occasional dashes of white and green, made the scene one of unsurpassed artistic beauty. Many said it was the fleest filed in from either wing to receive their diplomas, certificates and prizes. As each young lady received her diploma or other award ushers stepped forward and presented lovely bunches of flowers, and from every corner of the house they were cheered to the echo. The graduating class received their degrees at the last. Among the class were two who received the M. A. degree, the highest distinction which the college conform. They were Misses May Sheppard and Louise Thomasson, both of Richmond; and both were overwhelmed with appleause and flowers.

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Dr. Young's Address.

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The exercises were opened with the invocation by Dr. W. R. L. Smith, who was introduced by Dr. Nelson. Rev. Dr. W. J. Young, was the orator of the occasion. He could not fail to be elequent with so much inspiration around him; nor did he; and his gentle words of congratulation and counsel and tribute to womanhood were listened to with marked attention. The theme of his address was, "The Making of a Woman," In the course of the address, Dr. Young said:

li began. We are often reminded of imagined dangers to womanhood in certain
tendencies of the age, notably the higher
education of woman, and the placing of
her more and more in the public activities
of life. There will be no danger, if the
womanhood God made first has its way.
"The first essential thing, then, young
lodies, is the discovery of yourselves. Do
not rest satisfied until you have led
forth from its hiding-place in your life
that which is essential, and have laid your
hand upon it and said: This is myself."
There is no much in us and surrounding
us, non-ossential, upon which we are in
danger of laying the cimphasis.
"But little romains of ourselves when
we have cast aside the things of no real
value, but what a praceless treasure rematins.

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There is need of what is popularly called self-sacrifice, which is, after all, nor so much the sacrifice of self, as of that which is not ourselves, but possibly in the way of ourselves. We are often weak enough to think of such things as essential to our only existence, when they interrupt our true success. It is just as the slag is in the way of the iron, as the fragments of stone removed, one by one, by the sculptor are in the way of the statue, as the words and excessive retorical figures may be in the way of the clearness and effectiveness of the oration or sermon. Even things by no means harmful in themselves may be come a snare when they provent you from being what you were designed to be and from rendering the service to which you are called.

#### The Matter of Self.

There-must also be the right use of this discovered self. True discovery of anything never comes except in the use of it. It has been ordained that we shall gain the mastery of ourselves, and at the same time the mastery of the world for ourselves, by the giving of ourselves for the life of the world. How many women with possibilities of true nobility in them have given themselves up to the nothings of life until they have dwindled into mere manipulators of regite and powder, handlers of poker chips, or nurses for dogs. What a waste of divine material such lives are guilty of!

Requires Freedom.

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This self requires the atmost freedom. This does not mean anarchy or lawlessness. Indeed, there is no bondage like the bondage of license. But no laws are to be required of the soul but God's laws, and these must be obeyed from within and not under outward constraint. It is the Master's own word, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Turn out of doors forever all priesteraft. Roman, Protestant, 'educational, social, political. Think for yourselves, be your true selves, speak your own message, sing your own song.

Be faithful to this self even unto the end. Guard it against all that would soil or damage it, as one guards a preclous ewel or a priceless gam of art. If anything is worth living for this is worth dying for this is worth dying for this is worth fiving for. To a womanhood, and manhood, too, such as I have described the resources of heaven and of earth will minister, to feed and enrich and strengthen. It is a mysterfous process, but it will go on until the perfect life shall stand forth like a noble statua. of some Phildias, fresh from his hands, a statue into which God also has designed to breath the breath of His own life a fragment of His own life.

Delivery of Diplomas.

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the wings, all drossed in white, to rereceive them and the flowers and applause. Not less interesting was the
awarding of the prizes and medals for
excellence in the various schools.

The name of Miss Agnes Dickio was
amounced as the winner of the art prizo,
and she stepped forward to receive it
from the hands of Dr. R. J. Willingham,
who made the presentation in very graceful and appropriate terms. Miss Eula
Burke Hutton was awarded the elocution
medal, Dr. F. C. Woodward making the
presentation. The writer's medal was
won by Miss Zelma Rackett, and to her
it was awarded by Rev. Dr. Ryland
Knight. All the presentations were made
in a pleasant and appropriate manner,
and the three young ladies were greeted
with round after round of applause for
their excellent work.

In the interim between the delivery of
the medals and the delivery of the degrees, Dr. B. C. Hening was introduced
by Dr. Nelson to make an announcement.
Dr. Hening said that there should be no
misunderstanding and misapprehension
growing out of the movement to establish a great Central Woman's College, to
be maintained by the Baptists of Virginia,
This college is certain to be established,
but if located elsewhere than in Richmond it will not in any way interfere
with the continuance of the Woman's
College. If established in Richmond, the
Woman's College, with its three hundred
students, will become the nucleus of the
men in stitution, and so will work to
broader and greater ends.

Many Degrees Delivered.

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Bettle flue Gregory, of Chase City, Va. Elizabeth Hughes Garrett, of Cumberland.

Ina Morton Hall, of Lancaster.
Many Bagley Hardy, of Lunenburg.
Rilla Mamle Hutchings, of South Norfolk.

Elizabeth Rogers Hunt, of Northampton.
Annie Laurie Hill, of Hallfax.
Meland Elizabeth Irving, of Cumberland.

Annie Ethel James, of Northampton.
Annie Mabel, Germedy, of Blackstone, Lillian Cabell Machen, of Blackstone, Lillian Cabell Machen, of Blackstone, Lillian Cabell Machen, of Fairfax county.

Elizabeth Jamison Swetnam, of Fairfax county.

Clara Emery Sullivan, of Blackstone, Draw Roy Loylin Sasan Turner, of Northampton, Ada Louise, Willians, of Nottoway.

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alterpskins, and the house went wild with applause, for they had gained the highest distinction which it is possible for the institute to confer.

Dr. Nelson closed the exercises with a short farewell address, bidding the gradiantes God-speed on their entrance into the broad field of life, telling them that though sone away they would be unforgotten and assuring them that their alma mater would follow them whithersoever they may go.

Rev. Dr. Wilson closed the exercises with the benediction. "Home, Sweet Home," was played, and the session of 1995-1996 had ended.

List of Graduates.

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Two young ladies received two degrees cach—hiss Ethel Puckett, who received the P. A. and the B. M., and Miss Evolyn Martin, who received the B. L. and the B. T. and

Ends Its Best Session.

This commencement closes Dr. Nelson's fifteenth year in the administration of the college which has become an important factor in the intellectual and social life of Richmond. The session has also

MARION COLLEGE

Splendid New Courthouse Used

for Charming Exercises.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MARION, VA., June 2.-Marion wa

medal was cervered to sales I and Shan non, of Rich Valley, in a witty and pleasing manner by the Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, of Staunton. The medal for proficiency in Bible History, won by Miss Nannie Rector, of Seven Mile Ford, was delivered by Rev. J. S. Trainham. The President of the College, the Rev. J. J. Scheer, delivered an instructive address.

WESTMINSTER

Commencement Exercises of Westminster School Held at First 1': esbyterian.

ADDRESS BY DR. MITCHELL

Graduating Class Receives High Honors and Showers of Beautiful Roses.

List of Graduates.

The list of graduates is an follows:
Master of Arts—Misses May Sheppard
and Louise Thomasson.
Bachelor of Arts—Misses Ethel Puckett,
Jennie Chory, Mary Billingsby.
Bachelor of Music—Misses Lity Trevveit, Mamie Cogbill, Ruth Lewis, Elizabeth Scott, Myrtle Dodson, Mary Pitts,
Bessle Wilson, Eula Hutton, Lucille
Busch, Delite Dudley, Ethel Puckett,
Evelyn Martini.
Bachelor of Literature—Misses Evelyn
Martin, Carrie Fitzpatrick, Myra Ackiss,
Jessle Brown, Mary Smith, Susie Beil,
Bessie Tallaferro, Nanie Verser, Annie
Mitchell, Uddne Valden, Lizzle Chaplin,
Nannie Hill, Edan Smith, Mamie Pollard, Louise Dickinson, Mabel Delins,
Ruth Blanton, Hilda Tatum, Annie Newcomb, I. Galeski.
Bachelor of Science—Misses Lucie
Scott Virgle Roberts, Mary Perkins, Annie Green, Mary Barnes, Maude Puckett.
Two young ladies received two degrees The commencement exercises of the Westminster School, held last night in the lecture room of the First Freshyterian Church, were of poculiar interest
to all the friends of the school, and
marked an important epoch in its history,
as there were graduated the first young
ladies who had completed the prescribed
course. At a meeting of the board of
trustees held on June 4th, diplomas of
full graduation were awarded to Miss
Elizabeth Trent Wilson and Miss Ruth
Churchill Rennie; these young ladies haxing completed with credit, the full course
in Latin, French, English, mathematics
and history.

The room had been artigically decorated in honor of the seniors, by the
freshman and first collegiate classes,
under the direction of Miss Kate Staples;
flowers from the heart of nature, evergreens, and the school colors forming
the decorations. the lecture room of the First Presby-

the decorations. /
The student body and the teachers came iont factor in the intellectual and socialife of Richmond. The session has also been the most prosperous and successful in the long listory of the school, with an attendance that exceeded three hundred. Dr. Nelson has, perhaps, been the most influential friend and promotor of female education in the State and in the conduct of the Woman's College has widely guided its financial affairs and gathered around him a fine body of educators. As Dr. Hening said in his brief address last eight, this college, which Dr. Nelson has built up to a large and influential institution will, it is confidently expected, form the nucleus of the great central college which it is proposed to secure for Richmond with ample buildings, facilities and endowment.

The student body and the teachers came in, a moving column of white, at 8:30, taking the seats reserved for the different classes by a garland of flowers.

The seniors were attired in pure white; the juniors and freshman, first collegiate classes were green, pink and blue ribbons and their respective class colors.

The school came in singing "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," and then, still standing, repeated the forty-sixth Psalm, After a prayer by Dr. McFaden, the preparatory grades recited the twenty-thrd Psalm, after which the whole school sung with much soul and harmony "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Musical Programme.

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Professor Hahr, Mrs. Brockenbrough, and Misses Johnson and Reinhardt, was as follows:

Plano Solo—Miss Marjie Nicholas.

Plano trlo—Missea Alice Angel, Katharine Rhodes, Jane Cushman.

Plano Solo—Miss Virginia Lee Miller.

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Plano Solo—Miss Annay Green Watson.

Miss Campbell, the principul of the school, presented the certificates of discinction and promotion to all successful aspirants, and Dr. Russell Ceell, the president of the board, with appropriate remarks, presented the diplomas to the graduates, Misses Wilson and Rennio.

Just as the graduates received their diplomas the first collegiate class stepped forward and held around them and then laid at their feet a garland of red roses, the love offering from the class. As the graduates resumed their seals the freshman class presented them with a handsome salver filled with gifts, which later revealed much love and merriment.

Miss Wilson's valedictory, which followed in a happy voin, was full of good sense and sound counsel to her fellow students, and was delivered in her usual easy style. born of self-forgetfulness. The hearts of her Instructors must have rejoleed in her and her fellow graduate, as they enjoyed this testimony to their faithful instruction.

Dr. Mitchell's Address.

MARION, VA., June 2.—Marion was the scene of gayoty last week during the Commencement exercises of Marion College. The celebration began on Saturday night, with the graduating recital in instrumental music of Miss Young has the rare charm of the form musician, and delighted a large audience with her skillful interpretation of difficult selections from the great masters, playing her entire programme without notes. She has added to her native musical tastes that appreciation of the technical requirements of music which is attained by long study and careful practice. Her performance throughout reflected great credit upon herself and the instructors of the college.

The Baccalaureate sermon was delivered on Sunday morhing by the Rev. O. C. Kelster, of Roanoke City, who preached an eloquent and powerful sermon. Sunday night the Rev. W. H. Greever, of Columbia, S. C., preached the annual sermon before the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

The annual literary address before the Palladian Literary Society was delivered in the auditorium of the new Courthouse Monday morning by Congressman H. D. Flood.

Monday night occurred the annual con-

Dr. Mitchell's Address.

Among the many star features of the evenng Dr. Mitchell's address stands pre-eminent, capturing his audience and especially the young ladies, by his pleasing presence, his large heart, great mind and musical rhetoric. His beautiful thoughts, so gracefully clothed, will long be an inspiration to all connected with the school. To say that Dr. Mitchell surpassed himself is the ne plus ultra of praise. Monday morning by Congressman H. D. Flood.

Monday night occurred the annual concert. The large stage of the auditorium was beautifully decorated with flowers, which in the glow of electric lights and in harmony with the color scheme of the place, afforded a fitting background for the performers. The whole scene was one of beauty, and demonstrated at once the wisdom of providing the Courthouse with the assembly hall. Such scenes have been unusual in the towns of the Southwest, and will be of inestimable value in the ethical development of its people. A varied musical and literary programme was rendered by the young ladies of the college, showing careful study and training. The feature of the evening was a humorous selection, entitled, "Aunt Sophronia at the Opera," by Miss Carrie Wright, of Marion. Miss Wright is a daughter of Treasurer Geo.

surpassed himself is the ne plus ultra of praise.

Dr. Mitchell said that he had been associated with the principal of Westminster School in many educational meetings and movements and that he had never heard her mention her own school on any of these occasions, so he took this occasion to talk of Westminster School himself.

Dr. Mitchell said that the Richmond people did not realize what an opportunity they had of making this city an educational centre. He referred to the numerous institutions already established here, saying that the great need new is a college of high grade. The opportunity for the building up of such a college already exists in this school under its present efficient management. He spoke in the Highest terms of the workt that has been done in Westminster.

spoke in the highest terms of the worl that has been done in Westminster. If, said Dr. Mitchell, the great Pres receiving diplomas of full graduation in the literary department of the college. Diplomas of graduation in music and art were awarded to Miss Fanny Baker Young, Prof. B. E. Copenhaver read the distinctions of the year. The grade modal was delivered to Miss Lula Shantar of Literary in a writer and niess. this school a great institution, they would soon saily to its support and provide it with the equipment that it needs to enable it to do the work that is needed and that it is now doing so well with its

and that it is now doing as very limited resources.

This address was listened to with deep interest by the large audiones that filled the room, and was full of practical suggestions. It was delivered in the carnest, elequent style for which Dr. Mitchell

interest by the large audionce that filled the room, and was full of practical suggestions. It was delivered in the earning set eloquent style for which Dr. Mitchell is noted.

One of the most impressive features of the evening's exercises was the singing of the ovening's exercises was the singing of the windpah, by all the students, as they stood in a circle, hand in hand, and sung with bowed heads the prayer, "May the Lord watch between us when we are absent one from another."

Dr. J. P. Smith pronounced the bone-diction after one of the happiest eventings the school has ever known.

The room was filled to overflowing the hearty applause, and the abundance of flowers, especially for the graduates, testified to their deap interest in this special event in the life of the school.

This closes one of the happiest and most successful sessions of Westminster, and the prospects for the cominster, and the prospects for the school. It is closes one of the happiest and most successful sessions of Westminster, and the prospects for the cominster, and the prospects for the school and the cominster of the school and the comins

Namie Rector, of Seven Ame Ford, was delivered by Rev. J. S. Trainham. The President of the College, the Rev. J. J. Scherer, delivered an instructive address to the graduates and the young ladies of the school.

The exercises of Commencement closed on Tuesday night with the entertainment by the departments of Elocution and Physical Culture. This was the most interesting occasion of Commencement week, and the audience was delighted by a varied programme of music, recitation and merriment. The play of the avening. "His Second Wife," written by Mrs. B. E. Copenhaver, of the Department of Literature, was especially well received.

Among the distinguished visitors attending the Commencement were the Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, of Staunton, Rev. O. C. Kelster, of Roanoke; Rev. W. H. Greever, of Columbia, B. C.; Rev. J. D. Greiner, of Rural Retreat; Mr. William Koiner, of Waynesbore; Mr. J. H. Hans, of White Gate; Rev. Paul Seig, of Wytheville; Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Scharer, of Richmond: Mrs. Stephen Porter, of Speedwell; Rev. K. Y. Umberger, of Crockett's; Rev. S. C. Ballentine, of Rural Retreat; Mr. F. G. Davis, of Groseclose, and Mr. I. M. Bonham, of Chilhowie.

Marion College is one of the leading institutions for the education of women in the Southwest, and has wielded a wide influence for good in the educational progress of this part of the State. The year just ended is the thirty-second year of the presidency of the Rev. J. J. Scherer, whose long service in the educational interests of Southwest Virginia has enedeared him to her people.



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THE FEMALE NORMAL. Major Lassiter Makes the Annual

Address Before the Alumni. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FARMVILLE, A., June 5.—Major, Francis T. Lassiter delivered the annual address before the alumni before the State
Female Normal School to-night. He was introduced by the Rev. Robert T. Turnone, and the scene one of the most bril-liant ever witnessed in Farmville. The gifted orator made strong and lasting impression upon his hearers.

PRETTY DANCE.

Commencement Season Ends With Delightful Festivities.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BLACKSTONE. VA. June 5.—The restivities of the commencement senson were brought to an end here last night when the young men of the town gave a delightful dance in the Music Halt. Among those dancing were the following: Miss Martha Epes, of Nottowny Courthouse, with Mr. Ashley Adams; Miss Marty Epes, of the Courthouse, with Mr. Bam Gray; Miss Belle Reed, of Chatham, with Mr. T. P. Epes; Miss Mary Jones with Mr. A. T. McNeriny; Miss Mary Batt Epes with Mr. W. W. Cobb, Miss Elizabeth Manson with Mr. M. C. Clark: Miss E. F. Crank, of Louisa, with Major Pearlington, of Kentucky: Miss Salie H. Crank, of Louisa, with Mr. Douglas Tuggie; Miss Chare Overby with Mr. Wilbur Webb; Miss Louia Overby with Mr. Wilbur Webb; Miss Louia Overby with Mr. Bops Harris, The patrons were Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Manson and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Manson and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Manson and Mr. and Mrs. R. Eddle Jones. Stags.—Messrs. Claiborne Stokes, Hunter Irby H. B. Epes, C. C. Cardoza, B. Manson and Maddie Harris.

The music was furnished by the William J. Harris Orchestra, of Blackstone.

#### CLOSING MUSICALE.

Elegant Entertainment in Connection With Commencement.

GSpecial to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., June 5.—
The closing inusionle of Fredeacksburg College for the session was given last night at College Hall under the direction of Professor F. A. Franklin, The college orchestra took part, as well as the college chorus. If addition there were vocal numbers, violin and plans selections. The college was silled to overlections. The college was silled to over-

lections. The college was filled to overflowing with a most appreciative audience, who appinuded with enthusiasm
all of the numbers.

To-day the commencement exercises
were continued. The address before the
literary societies was delivered by Dr.
Oreer Baughman, of Richmond. Mr.
Robert Denny presided, and the address,
which was of a high order of merit, was
listened to with great interest by a
large and appreciative audience.

To-merrow the exercises will conclude
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#### GRAND TOURNAMENT IN HANOVER COUNTY

Miss Alice Priddy Crowned Queen of Love and Beauty.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ASHLAND, VA., June 5.—The glory and chivalry of Hanover was displayed to its fullest measure yesterday in a regular old-time tournament, for which this county has long been celebrated. Nearly six hundred of the people of Hanover county, with a large number of rural-loving citizens of Ashland, as-sembled at Mr. Richard Lumpkin's farm, at Independence, in this county, three miles from Ashland, and enjoyed the meeting of friends, besides witnessing in exciting and very interesting exhibi tion of tournament riding. Over two

hundred vehicles were noticed in the grove,

The day; was most préditious for such an outing, and it was a time long to be remembered in the social annaly of this county. While it is true that there was nothing whatever political in the gathering, and Congressman Lamb, as well as Speaker Caldwell, were unavolably absent, there was no absence of stump eloquence. J. A. Maliory, deputy sheriff of Hanover county, introduced Mr. H. G. Buchanan, of Ashiand. He delivered the charge to the kinghts in well-chosen words.

After a most exciting contest in the tournament, Mr. Percy Gliman won the first pritso and crowned Miss Alice Priddy, one of Ashiand's fairest daughters, queen of beauty. Mr. Velford Gliman won the second prize, and crowned Miss Jessie Purjayar first maid of honor. Mr. Roy Cross woon third prize, and crowned Miss Bertha Payre second maid of honor. Mr. Miller Leake, of Ashiand, delivered the coronation address, and Mr. J. A. Mallory acted as master of ceremonics.

A law party was held in the grove

Rnight of Disobedience: S. J. Taylor, Knight of Hickory Hill: Stewart Bun-pass, Knight of Rocky Hill; Harry Bun-pass; Edwin Vaughan, Knight of R., F. and P.: Roy Crow, Knight of Ashland; Welford Gliman, Knight of Ground Squirre!

Robert Denny presided, and the address, which was of a high order of merit, was listened to with great interest by a large and appreciative audience.

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Most Prosperous Year.

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"Do you know what I think?" "Well, what?" "I think that John Howard Payne wouldn't have written 'Home, Sweet, Home, if he had been a married man with a wife who believed in house. REFUSE SUBSTITUTES. | cleaning,"-Cleveland Plain Dealer.